

Saint Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church

9475 Annapolis Road Lanham, Maryland 20706-3020

Telephone: 301-459-4814 * <https://stmatthias.org>

OFFICE HOURS– SUMMER SCHEDULE

8:00 am-4:00 pm Monday and Wednesday

8:00 am-12:00 pm Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

AUGUST 10, 2025

Parish Staff

Pastor

Reverend Avelino Gonzalez

Permanent Deacon

Reverend Deacon Alton Davis

Receptionist

Mrs. Miryan Cabrera ~ x 223

Accountant

Ms. Leslie Long O'Leary ~ x 202

Administrative Secretary

Ms. Elsy Zaldivar ~ x 201

Director of Faith Formation

Ms. Jacqueline Sotelo ~ x 205

Adult & Youth Religious Education
and Sacramental Preparation

Director of Music Ministry

and Organist

Ms. Deborah Kijak-Hess ~ x 204

Maintenance Supervisor

Mr. Hector Perez

School Office Staff

Telephone: 301-577-9412

Principal

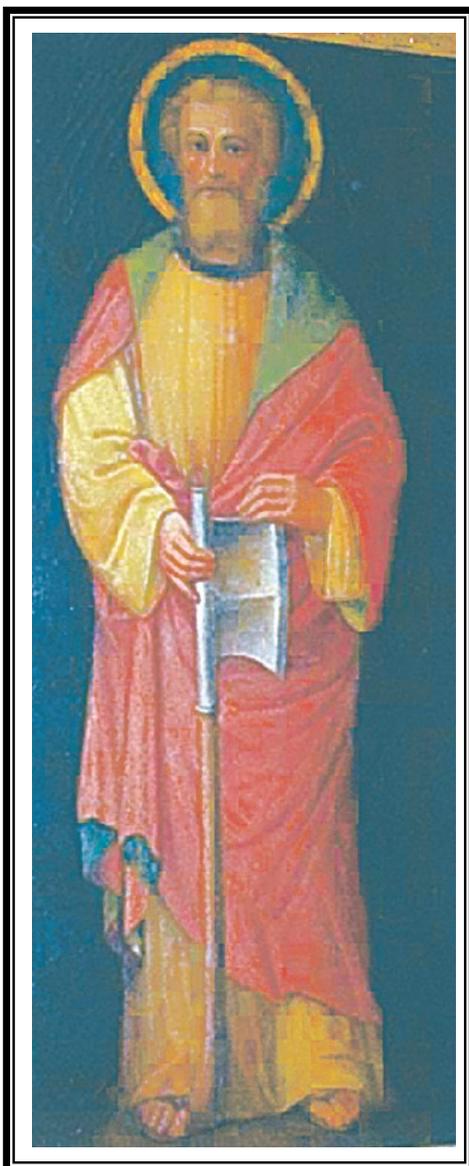
Dr. Coretta Streat ~ x 215

Administrative Assistant

Ms. Marsha Blackburn ~ x 212

Admissions Information

Mrs. Ann O'Hare ~ x 216



Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

7:00 PM (Spanish)

Sunday: 8:00, 9:45 AM, 11:30 AM,
1:30 PM (Spanish) and 6:00 PM

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday through Saturday: 8:30 AM

Monday Devotion

Adoration and Blessed Sacrament: 6:00
to 8:00 PM

Confessions: 7:00 to 7:45 PM

Benediction: 7:45 PM

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptismal preparation classes and
Baptisms are held the 2nd (Spanish)
and 3rd Saturdays (English) of the
month. Contact the parish office to
register to attend.

Sacrament of Marriage

Registered parishioners must contact
the Pastor at least six months before the
wedding.

Moving?

Please notify us as soon as possible if
you are moving or have had a change of
address in order for us to update our
records.

The Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle

9473 Annapolis Road • Lanham, Maryland 20706-3020 Telephone: 301-577-9412 • Fax: 301-577-2060

Pre-K-3 years old to Grade 8

Catholic school whose mission is to provide quality education in a safe and caring environment. Parish students are welcomed throughout the school year. If you'd like to take a tour, please call the school offices for an appointment.

19th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 11th

St. Clare, Virgin

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Diallo & Kamara’s Family (L)**

Tuesday, August 12th

St. Jane Francis de Chantal, Religious

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Raymond Dikibo (L)**

Wednesday, August 13th

SS. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Hector Osorio (D)**

Thursday, August 14th

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Zeny Juanitez (L)**

Friday, August 15th

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Ed Densmore (D)**

Saturday, August 16th

St. Stephen of Hungary; BVM

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Chris Agboli & Family (L)**

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Hebrews 12:1-4

Luke 12:49-53

Saturday, August 16th

4:00 PM: **Richard Midgley (D)**

7:00 PM: **Anastasia Mendez (D)**

Sunday, August 17th

8:00 AM: **Chris Agboli & Family (L)**

9:45 AM: **Raymond Ihegbe (L)**

11:30 AM: **R.K. Eneze (L)**

1:30 PM: **Ingrid Donis(L)**

6:00 PM: **Victor Javier Ayaquiaca (D)**

Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish, our neighbors, family, and friends: (These names will be on the sick list for six weeks or until a family member calls)

Christopher Agboli; Kevin Butler; Helen Dziduch; Dolly Kramer Greene; Genevieve Greenfield; Troi Greenfield; Christopher Inya; Eugenia Ikpi; Jan Jarus; Christian Jones; Nicholas Kniska; Gay Magruder; Juanita Pielmeier-McGinn; Carmel Murphy; James Nfoncho; Rodney Oak; Helen Onyewu; Margaret Mary Opalski; Rita Zehner; Angel Hernandez, Alberto Cabrera

For our military, protect them from all harm.

For the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.

Saturday, August 16th

4:00 PM | Fr. Pious

7:00 PM | Fr. Fredy

Sunday, August 17th

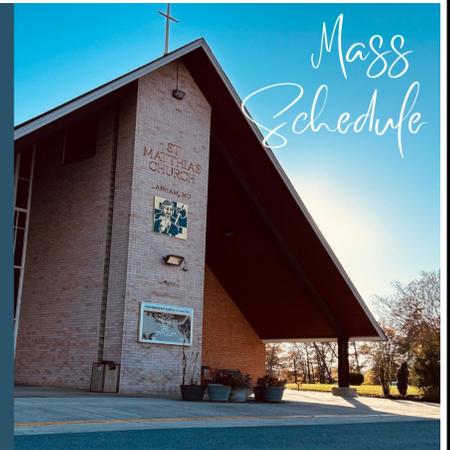
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9:45 AM | Fr. Avelino

11:30 AM | Fr. Canice

1:30 PM | Fr. Avelino

6:00 PM | Fr. Pious



Stewardship Report

August 3

Offertory 9,229

Faith Direct 2,880

Total 12,109

Thank you for your generosity.

Family Connection

Years ago, most families had only one or two clocks in their home. Today, we have clocks everywhere—on our walls, on our microwave ovens, on our DVD players, on our cell phones, and so on. As a family, go through the house and count how many clocks (time-telling devices) your family has. Talk about important events for which family members need to be on time. Recall experiences of being late for something, either as individuals or as a family. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus talks about how important it is for us to be aware and alert, otherwise, we will miss something.

Read aloud Luke 12:32-48. Talk about the parable that Jesus told and discuss how the master will feel if he arrives to find his servant doing his job. Discuss what our job is as disciples of Jesus. Explain that, just as we need to be aware of the time so that we don't miss anything important, we also need to be alert and focused on our jobs, our responsibilities as followers of Jesus.

Encourage each family member to place a sacred symbol near the clock that they use most in the house and to use the symbol and the clock as a reminder that it is always “time” for us to be acting like disciples of Christ..

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Academy of Saint Matthias

Summer is flying by and our first day of school is Aug. 26th, 2025. In preparation, we will hold a used uniform sale for interested families on Aug. 13th in the school. Currently enrolled school families can purchase new uniforms from All American Wear at 5001-B Forbes Blvd here in Lanham.

The parents of our 8th grade students are invited to a meeting to receive important information about the 8th grade year on Saturday, Aug. 23rd, 2025 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Your participation is strongly encouraged.

All newly enrolled and returning students and their families are invited to a Back-to-School BBQ on Saturday, Aug. 23rd, 2025 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. You may bring your supplies, see the classrooms, meet the teachers, and enjoy fellowship with other parents and their students.

Come meet our new Principal, Dr. Coretta Streat!

We are excited to welcome our students and their families and to begin the exciting new school year.

25 Children attended the Little Friends for Peace Camp, which St. Matthias hosted in July. Congratulations to those who attended!



Catholic Charities Legal Network Seeking Volunteer Lawyers

Catholic Charities Legal Network counsels and provides legal representation to low- income and poor residents throughout the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. and relies heavily on volunteer lawyers to fulfill its mission. If you are a lawyer in active status who wants to make a real difference in the lives of families and individuals struggling in our community, please reach out to Dan Collopy at (301) 615-0949 or daniel.collopy@cc-dc.org to discuss how you can help. The Legal Network handles most civil practice areas and criminal expungements.

The Feast of the Assumption is August 15th. This is a Holy Day of obligation.

Mass times are:
8:30 AM - English
7:30 PM - Bilingual



First Holy Communion and Confirmation Certificates for 2025 are now available for pick up in the Parish Office.

Faith Formation News

Calling All Catechists – Past, Present & Future!

We are especially in need of volunteers for 1st, 6th, and 7th grade—if you feel the Holy Spirit nudging you to serve, this is the perfect time!

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations...” – Matthew 28:19

Last Chance-Volunteer Opportunity

Teen Youth Ministry - Summer Volunteer Opportunity: Teens will bag dry food items such as potatoes, rice, and onions in preparation for SHARE monthly food distribution.

◆ **Saturday, August 16th, from 7:00 A.M to 10:00 A.M**

Please contact Ms. Le-Marie Thompson via email: ltompson@stmatthias.org to obtain permissions slips and more infor-

VIRTUS Certification

Protecting God's Children: The Archdiocese of Washington as well as Saint Matthias is unwavering in its commitment to provide a safe environment for everyone served by our ministries, especially minors and vulnerable adults entrusted to our care. All Saint Matthias volunteers, teachers and staff who work with our youth are required to be VIRTUS certified. We use the VIRTUS Training program, Protecting God's Children for Adults. To learn more and schedule your session to become certified, go to <https://www.virtusonline.org/>

Registration Forms for Faith Formation

Classes for the 2025-2026 school year are available now in the church vestibule and parish office. Please complete a form and plan to come to a mandatory in-person registration session in the Hughes Center.

From 9:15–11:15 AM on the following dates:

- Sundays: August 10th, 17th, and 24th.
- Sunday: August 31st, is the last day to register
- Classes will begin on Sunday, October 5th.

What to bring with you at the registration?

- A completed registration form
- A copy of your child's Birth Certificate
- Copies of any Sacrament certificates already received
- Full payment for the registration fees. Please bring a check, money order or exact cash payment.

Registration fees: 1 child \$90
 2 children \$155
 3+ children \$220

NOTE: There is an additional fee of \$50 per child for those who are NOT registered parishioners of Saint Matthias.

All registrations must be completed in person. Only forms with payments included will be accepted at the registration sessions.

Important reminder: Children must attend two consecutive years of Faith Formation to prepare for First Penance, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation. For questions, call: **301-459-4814 ext. 205**